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IN THE CLAIMS

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1-5 (Cancelled):

6 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition comprising:

(A) an isolated chlorogenic acid, or an ester or salt of an isolated chlorogenic acid ~~an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid and ferulic acid, or an ester or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;~~ and

(B) an organic acid having a molecular weight ranging from 60 to 300 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein said organic acid is not citric acid.

7 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is a chlorogenic acid ~~or an ester or salt thereof.~~

8 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ~~ferulic acid or an ester~~ of a chlorogenic acid ~~or salt thereof.~~

9 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ~~caffeic acid or an ester or a salt~~ of a chlorogenic acid ~~thereof.~~

10 (Cancelled):

11 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a carboxylic acid, other than citric acid.

12 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a hydroxycarboxylic acid, other than citric acid.

13 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a polycarboxylic acid, other than citric acid.

14 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a ketocarboxylic acid.

15 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is selected from the group consisting of ~~acetic acid, lactic acid~~, gluconic acid, fumaric acid, α -ketoglutaric acid, succinic acid, glycolic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, pyruvic acid, and malonic acid.

16 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is present in a vinegar.

17 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is present in a fruit juice or fruit extract.

18 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hypertension comprising:
administering a composition comprising:

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(A) an isolated chlorogenic acid, or an ester or salt of an isolated chlorogenic acid ~~an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid and ferulic acid, and esters and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;~~ and

(B) a component selected from the group consisting of a central nervous system stimulating component, food fiber, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Camellia*, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Theaceae*, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Eucommia ulmoides* Oliver, *Eucommiae*, and a sugar alcohol.

19 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is a pure stereoisomer.

20 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is a mixture of stereoisomers.

21 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 4-caffeoylquinic acid.

22 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

23 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3,4-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

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24 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid.

25 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 4,5 dicaffeoylquinic acid.

26 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3-feruloylquinic acid.

27 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 4-feruloylquinic acid.

28 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 5-feruloylquinic acid.

29 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein said isolated chlorogenic acid is 3-feruloyl-4-caffeoylquinic acid.

30 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is acetic acid.

31. (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is lactic acid.